

**United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania**  
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**Donetta W. Ambrose**  
Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1945  
 Education: Duquesne 1967 BA, 1970 JD  
 Began Service: 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton  
 Political Affiliation: Democrat

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Commonwealth Court of Pennsylvania (1970); Law Clerk The Honorable Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1971-1972)

**Government:** Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1972-1974); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Westmoreland, Pennsylvania (1977-1981)

**Judicial:** Judge, Pennsylvania Court of Common Pleas (1982-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Partner, Ambrose & Ambrose (1974-1981)

**Current Memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Commission on Women in the Profession; Westmoreland County Bar Association; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania

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**Gary L. Lancaster**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1949  
 Education: Slippery Rock U 1971 BS; Pittsburgh 1974 JD  
 Began Service: December 17, 1993  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Regional Counsel, Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission (1974-1976); Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1976-1978)

**Chambers of District Judge Gary L. Lancaster** *continued*

**Judicial:** Magistrate Judge, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1987-1993)

**Legal Practice:** Sole Practitioner (1978-1979); Partner, Cooper & Lancaster (1979-1981); Brown & Smith (1981-1987)

**Current Memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association; American Inns of Court; Homer S. Brown Law Association; National Bar Association

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**Sean J. McLaughlin**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1955  
 Education: Georgetown 1977 BA, 1980 JD  
 Began Service: October 13, 1994  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable William W. Knox, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (1980-1981)

**Legal Practice:** Knox, McLaughlin, Gornall & Sennett (1981-1994)

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**Joy Flowers Conti**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1948  
 Education: Duquesne 1970 BA, 1973 JD  
 Began Service: August 30, 2002  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Academic:** Professor of Law, Duquesne University School of Law (1976-1982)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Justice Louis L. Manderino, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania (1973-1974)

**Corporate:** Shareholder, Buchanan Ingersoll (1996-2002)

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1974-1976); Partner, Kirkpatrick & Lockhart LLP (1983-1996)

**Current Memberships:** Allegheny County Bar Association; Allegheny County Bar Foundation, Fellow; American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation, Fellow; American College of Bankruptcy, Fellow; American Judicature Society; American Law Institute; Federal Bar Association; National Association of Women Judges; Pennsylvania Bar Association; Pennsylvania Bar Foundation, Fellow; Women's Bar Association of Western Pennsylvania; American Inn of Court (Pittsburgh Chapter)

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**David Stewart Cercone**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1952  
 Education: Westminster (PA) 1974 BA; Duquesne 1977 JD  
 Began Service: September 12, 2002

**Academic:** Adjunct Faculty, Robert Morris College (1993-1995)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Paul R. Zavarella, Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas (1978-1979)

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1979-1981)

**Judicial:** District Justice, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania (1982-1985)

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**Terrence F. McVerry**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1943  
 Education: Duquesne 1962 BA, 1968 JD  
 Began Service: September 27, 2002

**Government:** Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, County of Allegheny, Pennsylvania (1969-1973)

**Judicial:** Judge, Court of Common Pleas (1998-2000)

**Legal Practice:** Law Clerk & Associate, Eddy & Osterman (1966-1970); Partner, McVerry, Baxter & Cindrich (1972-1988); Grogan, Graffam, McGinley & Lucchino PTR (1989-1998)

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**Arthur J. Schwab**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: December 7, 1946  
 Education: Grove City 1968 AB;  
 Virginia 1972 JD  
 Began Service: January 1, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Affiliation:** Adjunct Professor, Grove City College

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk, Chief Judge Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit (1972-1973)

**Chambers of District Judge Arthur J. Schwab** *continued*

**Legal Practice:** Summer Law Clerk, Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue (1971); Summer Law Clerk, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay (1972); Deputy Head, Litigation Group, Reed Smith Shaw & McClay (1973-1990); Chair of Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll (1990-1999); Chief Counsel-Complex Litigation, Buchanan Ingersoll (2000-2002)

**Military Service:** United States Army National Guard and Army Reserve (1968-1978)

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**Thomas Michael Hardiman**  
District Judge

Date of Birth: July 8, 1965  
 Education: Notre Dame 1987 BA; Georgetown 1990 JD  
 Began Service: November 3, 2003  
 Appointed By: President George W. Bush

**Legal Practice:** Associate, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (1990-1992); Associate, Cindrich & Titus (1992-1994); Partner, Reed Smith, LLP (1999-2003); Associate, Titus & McConomy, LLP (1994-1996); Partner, Titus & McConomy, LLP (1996-1999)

**Nonprofit:** Director, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc. (1995-2006); President, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc. (1999-2000); Chair, Board of Excellence Committee, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh, Inc. (2001-2005)

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